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CULTIVATION OF HERBAL CROPS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote the cultivation of herbal crops in view of the increasing demand of Ayurvedic medicines in foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a) & (b) National Medicinal Plants Board has been set up by Government to coordinate the development of the medicinal plants sector. The Board has implemented Contractual Farming Scheme under which financial assistance @ 30% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 9.00 lakhs, is provided to farmers / growers for cultivation of identified medicinal plants. Besides, National Horticulture Mission, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation also supports the cultivation of medicinal plants under their scheme. National Horticulture Board is implementing a Scheme viz. "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management" under which back ended capital investment subsidy not exceeding 20% of the total project cost with a maximum limit of Rs. 25.00 lakh per project is admissible. For the North-Eastern / Tribal / Hilly Areas, maximum limit of subsidy is Rs. 30.0 lakh per project. The financial assistance for hi-tech cultivation of herbal crops is also covered under the scheme.